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construction of the pipe the bowed wall region being formed between the first corrugations and the second corrugations.

Claim 13. A method as claimed in Claim 12 characterized in that the bowed wall region is formed with a transitional wall part which reduces outside diameter of the pipe from the bowed wall region to the second corrugations.

Claim 14. A method as claimed in Claim 13 characterized in that the transitional wall part is removed from the pipe to form first and second pipe sections in which the bowed wall region is converted to an open ended bell on the first pipe section and in which the second corrugations form a spigot on the second pipe section, the bell and the spigot being interfittable with one another for coupling the first and second pipe sections together with one another.

Claim 15. A method as claimed in Claim 14 including covering the continuous wall construction with an external layer of plastic by adhering the external layer of plastic to the first corrugations and the bowed wall region and not to the second corrugations.

Claim 16. A method as claimed in Claim 15 including removing part of the external layer of plastic around the second corrugations to uncover the second corrugations to form the spigot on the second pipe section.

REMARKS

Claims 12 through 16 now stand in this application. The inventorship of the subject matter of these claims remains the same as that associated with the claims originally on file.

The claims submitted with this response have been specifically prepared to distinguish over the prior art reported in the March 3, 2000 Information Disclosure Statement filed with this application. The most pertinent of the references in the Information Disclosure Statement is the Hegler United States patent 5,071,173. However, neither this patent nor any of the other references show a plastic pipe having first corrugations, second corrugations smaller than the first corrugations and a bowed wall region between the first and second corrugations all in a continuous pipe wall construction. What the '173 patent does show is two pipes which are coupled with one another. The bell of one pipe fits over the small corrugations of another pipe.

It is believed that the '173 patent was brought forward in the PCT application in view of the breadth of the original claims. However, the scope of